Colleges of higher excellence in Madhya Pradesh

†711. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the colleges of higher excellence in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of the assistance given by Government to such colleges;

(c) whether Vijaya Raje Scindia Girls College of Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh is also included in the above category; and

(d) if not, by when Government propose to include the said college in this category in view of its better performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the following two colleges have been selected under the UGC scheme of "College with Potential for Excellence" in Madhya Pradesh during the first phase of selections:

1. Govt. Adarsh Vigyan College, Pachpedhi, Jabalpur (Auto.) 482001.
2. Govt. M.H. College of Home Science & Science for Women, Jabalpur (Auto.) 482002

(b) The details of financial assistance given by UGC to two selected colleges are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Allocation (Rs. in Lakhs)	Grant released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Govt. Adarsh Vigyan College, Pachpedhi, (Auto.) jabalpur (MP)	100.00	50.00
2.	Govt. M.H. College of Home Science & Science for Women, Jabalpur (MP)	100.00	50.00

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Standing Committee constituted by the UGC decides proposals on merits. While the proposal from the College would

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be considered by the Committee at its next meeting, a decision thereon would be on the merits of the case.

Setting-up of Private Universities

712. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments permitted setting up of private universities;

(b) whether such universities have also set-up their own subsidiary institutes in various other States and enrolled thousands of students to their various study programmes collecting exorbitant fees;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the hon'ble Supreme Court recently struck down the law under which such private universities were set-up as ultra vires of the Constitution; and

(e) if so, the deails in this regard with fate of the students of the affected universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The incorporation, regulation and winding up of Universities are within the competence of the State Legislatures. State Universities cannot setup off-campus centres outside the jurisdiction of the respective States. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), several private universities established in the State of Chhattisgarh under the Chhattisgarh Niji Kshetra Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Aur Viniyaman) Adhiniyam, 2002, had off-campus centres outside the State. The Supreme Court of India in its judgement in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 19/2004: Prof. Yash Pal & Ors. *Vs.* State of Chhattisgarh & Ors., declared the provisions of the State Act permitting off-campus centres outside Chhattisgarh to be ultra vires of the Constitution. Thus the private universities established under the Act have ceased to exist. The Supreme Court directed that the State Government may take appropriate measures to have these institutions affiliated to